

HUDSON BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF HUDSON, WISCONSIN

Monday, November 25, 2019 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 505 Third Street

AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. [Discussion and possible action on September 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes](#)
3. New Business
 - A. [Discussion on overarching plan goals from neighboring towns and regional entities.](#)
 - B. [Discussion and possible action on selecting volunteers for the Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan pop-up stand.](#)
4. Communications and Items for Future Agendas
 - A. Set next meeting date
5. Adjournment

Posted in City Hall lobbies and emailed to *Hudson Star Observer* on 11/22/2019

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the City Council may be present at the aforementioned meeting of the Plan Commission to gather information about a subject over which they have decision making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the City Council pursuant to State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Bd., 173 Wis. 2d 553, 494 N. W. 2d 408 (1993), and must be noticed as such, although the Council will not take any formal action at this meeting.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUDSON BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF HUDSON

Monday, September 23, 2019

The Hudson Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Nancy Huntley at 5:33 p.m.

PRESENT. Nancy Huntley, Dag Selander, Devon Piernot, and Marian Webber.

ABSENT. Gerald Bauer, Jim Webber

OTHERS PRESENT. Tiffany Weiss, Michael Johnson

Discussion and possible action on August 27, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion by Selander, seconded by Marian Webber to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 Hudson Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting. All ayes (4). Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

None.

NEW BUSINESS.

Discussion and possible action on the Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Assessment. Weiss noted that at the last meeting, Jim Webber had requested that the sidewalk and curb ramp assessment performed by SEH be discussed at this month's bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee. Weiss explained that the assessment scored sidewalks, trails, and curb ramps all across the City of Hudson. The assessment also provided proposed methods of correcting sidewalk deficiencies, noting 94% of which are considered tripping hazards. The curb ramp assessment scored ADA accessibility and tripping hazards, noting that 57% of ramps in the City of Hudson have at least one deficiency where improvements should be made.

SEH lastly summarized a few implementation strategies to assist with the correction of all noted deficiencies in the city-wide assessment. Weiss concluded that this assessment performed by SEH contains valuable data that should be included in the final Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan draft.

Piernot inquired as to what the Advisory Committee's role would be in the process of making these corrections. Community Development Director, Michael Johnson, noted that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee would review the public works departments budget and then petition to the Public Works department a list of specific segments of sidewalk or curb ramps be improved over time based upon findings found in the Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Such process would continue to be revisited each year. Motion by Selander, seconded by Huntley to approve and add the sidewalk and curb ramp assessment results to the Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

All ayes (4). Motion carried.

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Discussion on future bike path continuation concerns. Weiss reviewed the staff report and summarized the concerns that neighborhood residents have about a proposed trail through the Xcel Energy property on the north end of town off of St. Croix Street. Johnson noted that despite neighborhood concerns that were voiced, staff would still be recommending approval of the proposed trail in the future. Piernot noted that the only valid concern listed is the safety of the intersections (1st and River) and that parking is not a major concern. All committee members agreed. Discussion was held about future bike trails going up to North Hudson not along 2nd Street.

Selander stated that a trail in this location would be an improvement over what is currently there. He mentioned that he too is a neighborhood resident there, living right next to the Xcel property in question on St. Croix Street, so he is very familiar with the area and the history behind it. Johnson stated that overall, the priority of the site is to allow Xcel Energy enough time to perform an environmental cleanup effort to get remnants of the train tracks off the site.

Discussion on the Hudson Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's role in the upcoming 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update. Weiss summarized that at the last meeting, member Piernot inquired about what the Bike/Ped committee's role would be during the comprehensive plan update. Weiss explained that she'd met with Brea Grace, the comprehensive plan update project's lead project manager from SEH. Grace said that the Bike/Ped committee has been tasked with completing the Master Bike/Ped plan prior to the transportation section of the comprehensive plan being drafted. Piernot inquired when that would be. Weiss stated that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee had just held a meeting earlier in the day and discussed the subject of the project timeline. The transportation section of the plan was scheduled to be drafted in February 2020. However, at the Steering Committee's meeting, it was discussed that some chapters might be pushed around, meaning the transportation chapter may get bumped down to a later date in 2020 for drafting. Johnson said, for now, it would be best to assume that the Master Bike/Ped Plan should be drafted prior to February 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

Johnson mentioned that he and Weiss would perform one last review of the web mapping application that Weiss created for the Bike/Ped Master Plan outreach efforts. Afterwards, staff would hold discussions about the Council presentation. Johnson told committee members that it would be best if all of them could be present at the time of the Council meeting during the presentation to show support for the Master Plan.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 21, 2019 at 6:30pm in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, just prior to the Common Council meeting at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Selander, seconded by Huntley to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. All ayes (4). Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Weiss, Acting Secretary



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TO: Hudson Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

FROM: Community Development

DATE: November 25, 2019

SUBJECT: Discussion on overarching plan goals from neighboring towns and regional entities.

BACKGROUND:

City staff reviewed the neighboring town and regional entity bicycle/pedestrian and parks and recreation plans for the following municipalities and regional bodies:

- Wisconsin DOT (bike plan and ped plan)
- St. Croix County (bike and ped plan)
- St. Joseph Township (bike ped implementation study)
- Village of North Hudson (outdoor rec/park plan)
- Town of Troy (parks and rec plan)
- City of Hudson (safe routes to school, comp plan, and parks and rec plan)

The following are listed as regional overarching route connections of the plans:

- Creating connections to the Loop Trail in St. Joseph Township to promote bike tourism between Minnesota and Wisconsin
- Utilizing State Highway 35 to create connections along the St. Croix River
- Use County Road A to connect to the rural countryside and Willow River State Park.
- Use Tower Road to also connect to the rural countryside.
- Create a connection between County Road F's existing paved shoulder route and Mayer Road
- Create a separated bike lane on Coulee Road between 2nd St and 11th St
- Add a bike lane to Hanley Rd, O'Keefe Rd and part of Mayer Rd to connect to Carmichael Rd.
- Install a bike lane along Buckeye St between 1st and 2nd
- Install bike lane along 9th St between Orange St and Fox St
- Install path along Vine St between 10th St and Wisconsin St

The following are goals that were shared between local and regional plans:

- Train individuals to better understand bicycle safety.
- Promote more walking and bicycling trips



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- Separate bicycle and motor vehicle traffic in hazardous locations (Carmichael Road and Crestview Drive) through alternate trail routes
- Extra 4-5' of width should be provided in road construction plans in locations where bicyclists are anticipated
- Create pedestrian and non-motorized connections to parks and to existing and future neighborhoods
- Connect neighborhoods to schools

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Through: Mike Johnson, AICP, Community Development Director



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SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action on selecting volunteers for the Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan pop-up stand.

BACKGROUND:

Previous discussions held by the Bike/Ped Advisory Committee mentioned having at least two members from the Bike/Ped Advisory Committee host an informational booth at various locations around the City. One location highly discussed was the YMCA due to a number of physically active residents who are bicyclists and joggers going there all the time.

A number of Comment Cards that were previously drafted by staff have been printed out and are already being passed out at City Hall and the Library. These Comment Cards may be utilized at the informational booth at times when passersby do not want to talk right away.

At least two volunteers will need to be chosen to take part in this engagement exercise. These volunteers will then need to provide their availability so that staff may arrange for a booth to be set up on the dates specified.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Recommends selecting at least two volunteers from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to attend and host a pop-up informational booth in the City.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Select and approve at least two volunteers from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to host a pop-up informational booth at the YMCA

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